

AN ACT relating to enforcement of immigration law.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 65 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) All officials, agencies, and personnel of a city, county, urban-county government, consolidated local government, charter county government, unified local government, local governments special districts, agencies and instrumentalities of a local government or special district, state agency departments, boards, commissions, institutions of postsecondary education, and agencies and instrumentalities of state government shall support, to the extent permitted by law, the enforcement of federal immigration and customs laws of the United States.

(2) Except as provided in federal law, no person, agency, or organization specified in subsection (1) of this section shall be prohibited or in any way restricted from sending, receiving, or maintaining information relating to the immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual or exchanging that information with any other federal, state, or local government agency for the following official purposes:

(a) Determination of a person's eligibility for any federal, state, or local public benefit, public service, or license that is restricted, in whole or in part, on the basis of immigration status;

(b) Verification of any claim of legal domicile, if legal domicile is required to be verified by law, administrative regulation, or contract; and

(c) Confirmation of the identity, citizenship, and immigration status of any person who is held in legal custody at a detention facility or who has been arrested or indicted.

(3) No unit of government or person specified in subsection (1) of this section shall

*direct its employees and agents not to comply with the provisions of this section, nor shall it enact any ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy in violation of this section or the spirit thereof. Any ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy in violation of this section or the spirit thereof shall be null, void, and unenforceable.*